

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission**

March 12, 1998.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before May 18, 1998. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington, DC 20554 or via internet to jboley@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collection(s), contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214 or via internet at jboley@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0360.
Title: Section 80.409(c), Public coast station logs.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit, individuals or households, non-

profit institutions, state, local or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 316.

Estimated Time Per Response: 95 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 30,020 hours.

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping requirement, on occasion reporting requirement.

Estimated Cost Per Respondent: \$0.

Needs and Uses: The recordkeeping requirement contained in this rule section is necessary to document the operation and public correspondence service of public coast radio telegraph, public coast radiotelephone stations and Alaska-public fixed stations, including the logging of distress and safety calls where applicable. A retention period of more than one year is required where a log involves communications relating to a disaster, an investigation, or any claim or complaint. If the information were not collected, documentation concerning the above stations would not be available.

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0364.

Title: Section 80.409(d) and (e), Ship radiotelegraph logs, ship radiotelephone logs.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, state, local or tribal governments.

Number of Respondents: 10,950.

Estimated Time Per Response: 47.3 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 517,935 hours.

Frequency of Response:

Recordkeeping requirement, on occasion reporting requirement.

Estimated Cost Per Respondent: \$0.

Needs and Uses: The recordkeeping requirement contained in these rule sections is necessary to document that compulsory radio equipped vessels and high seas vessels maintain listening watches and logs as required by statutes and treaties (including treaty requirements contained in appendix 11 of the International Radio Regulations, Chapter IV, Regulation 19 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, the Bridge-to-Bridge Radio Telephone Act, the Great Lakes Agreement, and the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.) A retention period of more than one year is required where a log involves communications relating to a disaster, an investigation, or any claim or complaint. If the information were not collected, documentation concerning station operations would not be available and treaty requirements would not be complied with.

OMB Approval Number: 3060-0357.

Title: Section 63.701, Request for Designation as a Recognized Private Operating Agency.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Businesses or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 hours.

Total Annual Burden: 150 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement.

Estimated Cost Per Respondent: \$0.

Needs and Uses: The Commission requests this collection of information to gather the information needed to recommend to the United States Department of State whether or not to designate persons requesting it recognized private operating agency (RPOA) status. The United States does not require anyone to obtain RPOA status but has created a voluntary process by which companies who believe it would be helpful in persuading foreign telecommunications operators to deal with them can obtain such a designation. RPOA status also permits companies to join the Telecommunications Sector of the International Telecommunications Union Formal (ITU), the standards-setting body of the ITU. Formal recognition of RPOA status is required by the ITU for companies desiring the ITU to grant them international free phone numbers.

Without this information the government cannot represent to other nations that the United States enhanced-service providers will obey international regulations.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION**Ocean Freight Forwarded License Applicants**

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have filed with the Federal Maritime Commission applications for licenses as ocean freight forwarders pursuant to section 19 of the Shipping Act of 1984 (46 U.S.C. app. 1718 and 46 CFR 510).

Persons knowing of any reason why any of the following applicants should not receive a license are requested to contact the Office of Freight Forwarders,